(b) The relevant environmental rules that regulate the operations of coal mines are broadly covered by following acts and rules:-

The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules, 1986
The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Rules 1982
The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Rules 1975

The Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 1994 dated 27.1.94 and subsequent amendment makes it mandatory for the industries listed in schedule 1, which includes coal mining having lease hold of more than 5 Ha, to have environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF). This includes the new coal mines and also those which are under expansion and modernization;

For all such projects which are new or under expansion and modernization, the CIL approaches the MOEF for getting Environmental clearance.

CIL & it's subsidiary companies have been approaching MOEF from time to time for environmental clearance after a decision to enhance production capacity of a mine, etc are taken. However, due to delays in processing of environmental clearance proposal at various levels, expansion/modernization in some mines continued in anticipation of obtaining the environmental clearance from MOEF.

(c) No, Sir. The Supreme Court has stayed the order dated 21.2.2005 after an application was filed by CIL on behalf of its subsidiaries for intervention.

Consultation on Coal Sector Reform

4491. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether industry-wise federation of coal mine workers or major central trade unions have been associated with High Power Expert Committee, constituted by Government for comprehensive review of coal sector in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The Expert Committee has invited the Central Trade Unions of Coal Industry and the Coal Mines Officers' Association of India for discussions on 11.05.2005.

Allotment of coal blocks for captive mining

4492. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central and State power utilities have requested for allotment of coal blocks for captive mining; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and status of allotment of such blocks to Central and State power utilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central and State power utilities have requested for allotment of coal blocks for captive mining. The Central and State power utilities to whom coal blocks have been allocated are as follows:-

S.No.	Name of the company	Coal blocks allocated
1.	M/s. West Bengal State Electricity Board	Tara (East), West Bengal
2.	M/s. West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd.	Tara (West), Gangaramchak, Barjora, Gangaramchak-Bhadulia, West Bengal; Pachwara (North), Jharkhand
3.	M/s. Punjab State Electricity Board	Pachwara (Central), Jharkhand
4.	M/s. Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (TVNL)	Badam, Jharkhand
5.	M/s. Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd.	Baranj I-IV, Kiloni, Manora Deep, Maharashtra
6.	M/s. Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)	Barjora (North), Khagra-Joydeve, Kasta (East), West Bengal
7.	M/s. Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board	Gidhmuri, Paturia, Chhattisgarh
8.	M/s. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)	Pakri-Barwadih, Jharkhand

Further, M/s. Gujarat Electricity Board, M/s. Maharashtra State Electricity Board, Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation (APGENCO) and Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board have also